



EI-news

IRTS supporting Amateur Radio



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The year of **The Gathering** is now over. The final **EI13CLAN** QSOs totalled 30,340. Over 74,000 visits were made to the clan page on QRZ.com, many following the link to the IRTS website. Seven clubs took part in the **EI13CLAN Challenge**. Congratulations go to the **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society** [EI7DAR](#) who emerged as winners. They will be picking up their prize of an Icom 756 PRO at the IRTS [AGM](#) in Galway in March.

Awards and Trophies

The **Committee** has revised the rules governing non-contest awards while keeping in mind the intentions of the original donors. The procedure for the construction/experimentation awards has also been clarified. Changes are highlighted in yellow on the [Awards](#) page.

Time to return trophies and cups to allow engraving for [AGM 2014](#). Items may be returned to the IRTS stand at the [Coolmine Rally](#) on Sunday February 16th or to any IRTS Committee member before 28th February.

Nominations for IRTS Awards are invited from members. See the [Awards](#) page. Closing date for nominations is February 28th 2014.

Irish Air Corps Article



The February 2014 issue of **'Radio User'** out now contains an interesting four-page article about the *Irish Air Corps* with many excellent photographs. The magazine is available from all good newsagents.

Anyone listening?

Among the awards available to IRTS members is the **Ian Morris Memorial Trophy**.



This is awarded to the shortwave listener with the highest number of DXCC entities heard in the previous calendar year. While confirmation of entities heard is not required, entrants are expected to produce a number of QSL cards (not necessarily from the year in question) to show their commitment to shortwave listening.

EI14LCC on Air



Limerick City has been announced Ireland's first National City of Culture. To celebrate the event, members of **Limerick Radio Club** will air the special call **EI14LCC** during 2014. They will operate from their own QTH and from various locations within Limerick. Further details can be found at [EI14LCC](#)

Scottish Isles calling ...

The **Cambs-Hams DX Group** will operate **GS3PYE/P** from the Isle of Lewis (IOTA EU-010) in the Scottish Outer Hebrides from April 26th-May 3rd. Thirteen operators will be active on all bands and modes. They hope to work many EI stations so be sure to listen out for them!

UNESCO World Radio Day

Thursday February 13th marks **UNESCO World Radio Day**. The theme for 2014 is "Gender equality and women's empowerment in Radio." To find out more please visit <http://www.worldradioday.org/>



Rallies & Events



IRTS AGM Weekend from Saturday March 22nd to Sunday March 23rd is hosted by Galway VHF Group at the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill. Annual Dinner on Saturday night. Rally on Sunday morning

and AGM on Sunday afternoon. See [AGM](#) for further information.

Limerick Radio Club Rally, Sunday March 9th at the Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open 11am. The usual traders will be present. Bring & Buy tables are available and will be allocated on a first-come basis. Contact Simon Kenny EI7ALB at 087 285 8884 or see www.limerickradioclub.ie

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally, Sunday February 16th at Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Doors open at 11am. To book a table contact Tony at 087 243 9997. Tea and refreshments available all day. Unlimited car parking. See map on www.coolminecs.ie/locationmap.php

Fun and games at the NSA!

The **U.S National Security Agency (NSA)** website always makes for interesting reading. However, there is a kid's section on the site <http://www.nsa.gov/kids/index.htm> where you get a selection of flash games to play, one of which is a Morse code game called DIT-DAH. You can access the page directly by going to <http://www.nsa.gov/kids/games/gameMorse.htm> Try it for a bit of online fun!



If you are interested in astronomy, then [Astronomy FM](#) is for you. It is the only 24-hour internet radio station in the Known Universe dedicated to astronomy and other sciences.

Sales & Wants

For Sale:

Icom IC-7000 Mobile Radio HF/VHF/UHF & Windows XP PC. Contact Eamonn EI3FFB at 086 822 4992

For Sale:

Cushcraft A4S. 20/ 15/10m band beam. Dismantled but complete. In excellent condition, Traps are dry and has been stored indoors. €375 o.n.o. Also, Cushcraft R8 Vertical in same condition w/ optional guying kit €375 o.n.o. Contact John EI8JA at 087 943 7500 or ei8ja@eircom.net

Wanted:

HF Linear for parts/repair. Any condition. Have you an old FL2100z - TL922A - SB220 - Heatherlite or any other that is unwanted or not working? Will arrange collection. Contact David EI5KG at 087 242 5643 or ei5kgs@gmail.com

Contests - February 2014

More information @ <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>

- 03** - 2000z - 90 mins - RSGB 80m CC - SSB : Exchange: RS + Serial Number : Work UK only
- 08** - 0000z - 48 hours - CQ WW WPX - RTTY: Exchange: RST + Serial Number
- 08** - 2100z - 4 hours - RSGB 1.8 MHz - CW/SSB : Exchange : RS(T) + Serial Number : Work UK only
- 15** - 0000z - 48 hours - ARRL DX -CW : Exchange: RST + Power e.g 100 : Work W/VE only
- 20** - 2000z - 90 mins - RSGB 80m CC - CW : Exchange: RST + Serial Number : Work UK only
- 21** - 2200z - 48 hours - CQ WW 160m - SSB: Exchange: RS + CQ Zone i.e (14)
- 22** - 1300z - 24 hours - UBA DX - CW : Exchange: RST + Serial Number

SD by EI5DI- free logging software for CW/SSB contests from www.ei5di.com